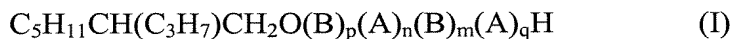


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An alkoxyate mixture comprising alkoxyates of the formula (I)



where

A is ethyleneoxy,

B propyleneoxy

groups A and B being present in the form of blocks in the stated sequence,

p is a number from 0 to 5,

n is a number from 0.25 to 10,

m is a number from 2 to 10,

q is a number from 1 to 5,

from ~~70 to 99%~~ 85 to 96% by weight of alkoxyates A1, in which C_5H_{11} is n- C_5H_{11} ,

and

from ~~1 to 30%~~ 4 to 15% by weight of alkoxyates A2, in which C_5H_{11} is

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2$ and/or $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$,

being present in the mixture.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~[[An]]~~ The alkoxyate mixture according to claim 1, wherein C_3H_7 is n- C_3H_7 .

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~[[An]]~~ The alkoxyate mixture according to claim 1, wherein, in the formula (I), p is a number from 0.5 to 5.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of an alkoxylate mixture according to claim 1 ~~[[by]]~~ comprising reacting ~~[[the]]~~ a parent alcohol mixture with C_{2-5} -alkylene-oxides ethylene oxide and propylene oxide under alkoxylation conditions.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The process for the preparation of an alkoxylate mixture according to claim 5, wherein the ~~alkoxylation is carried out in the presence of~~ reacting a parent alcohol mixture with ethylene oxide and propylene oxide comprises a double metal cyanide compound as a catalyst.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A method of using an alkoxylate mixture according to claim 1 as an~~ An emulsifier, foam regulator and wetting agent for hard surfaces comprising the alkoxylate mixture according to Claim 1.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A method ~~according to claim 7 in~~ for preparing detergents, surfactant formulations for cleaning hard surfaces, humectants, cosmetic, pharmaceutical and crop protection formulations, finishes, coating materials, adhesives~~[[,]]~~ and leather fatliquoring degreasing agents, formulations for the textile industry, ~~fiber processing, metal processing, food industry, water treatment, paper industry,~~ fermentation or mineral processing, in emulsion polymerizations and as additives or starting materials for the preparation of additives for mineral building materials comprising adding the alkoxylate mixture according to claim 1.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A detergent, cleaning agent, wetting agent, coating material, adhesive, leather ~~fatliquoring~~ degreasing agent, humectant or textile treatment composition, additive for mineral building materials or cosmetic, pharmaceutical or crop protection formulation ~~containing~~ comprising an alkoxylate mixture according to claim 1.

Claim 10 (New): A processing method comprising one selected from the group consisting of emulsifying, foam regulating and wetting of hard surfaces employing the alkoxylate mixture according to claim 1, wherein the processing method is one selected from the group consisting of fiber processing, metal processing, food processing, water treatment, paper processing, mineral processing, fermentation, emulsion polymerization and preparing mineral building materials.